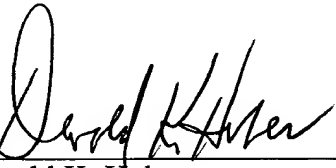


REMARKS

The above amendments are requested to put the application into better U.S. format and to delete multiple dependencies.

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the control center to the sender (20), and is transmitted from the sender (20) via the data set (22, 22') to the receiver.

3. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the  
5 sequence number (12) is produced by a generator in synchronism with the number of signing and check keys used in the control center (10) and in the receiver.
4. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the  
10 sequence number (12) is produced by a generator in synchronism with the number of signing and check keys used in the control center (10) and in the sender, and is transmitted via the data set (22, 22') to the receiver.
- 15 5. <sup>(Amended)</sup> The method as claimed in <sup>CLAIM 1</sup> ~~one of the preceding claims~~, wherein the sequence number is produced by a pseudo-random number generator.
6. <sup>(Amended)</sup> The method as claimed in <sup>CLAIM 1</sup> ~~one of the preceding claims~~, wherein the encryption of the sequence  
20 number by means of the main key is used as the one-time encryption.
7. <sup>(Amended)</sup> The method as claimed in <sup>CLAIM 1</sup> ~~one of the preceding claims~~, wherein the control center (10) produces a number of signing keys (14) in advance, and  
25 transmits them to the sender (30), possibly together with the associated sequence numbers (12).
8. <sup>(Amended)</sup> The method as claimed in <sup>CLAIM 1</sup> ~~one of the preceding claims~~, wherein the receiver (30) maintains a list  
30 of already used sequence numbers, and rejects already used sequence numbers.

secret main key and to a means for providing a sequence number (22a').

10. <sup>(Amended)</sup> The device as claimed in claim 9, wherein a generator produces ~~the sequence number (22a')~~ using a deterministic method ~~[lacuna]~~ one or more sequence numbers corresponding to the number of checks.

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